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BEARING, MOTOR, AND INFORMATION RECORDING AND RETRIEVAL  
DEVICE

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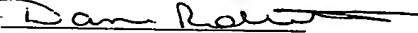
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the following amendments be made to the above identified continuation application prior to the examination thereof by the Examiner, and prior to the calculation of fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.